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Application No: 10/652,389

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 23-25 are canceled and claim 26 is rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter is added by this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Improper Antecedent Basis Objection

The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter by the Examiner in the Office Action dated January 6, 2005. The Examiner indicated that the recitation "X is a OCH₂ group" in claims 2, 9, and 24 and the recitation "R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, independently, an aryl group" in claims 3, 10, and 25 lack antecedent basis in the specification. The paragraph at page 4, lines 1-2 in the Summary of the Invention section is amended as follows:

In a fourth aspect, the invention features a charge transport material having the general formula above. In some embodiments of interest, X of the general formula above is a OCH₂ group. In other embodiments of interest, R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, independently, an aryl group.

The amendment is supported by the original claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 24, and 25 and by the specification, for example, Compound (2) and Compound (3) at page 20, lines 9-10. After the amendment, the specification provides proper antecedent basis for the recitation "X is a OCH₂ group" in claims 2, 9, 16, and 24 and the recitation "R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, independently, an aryl group" in claims 3, 10, 17, and 25.

In view of the above comments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-22 were indicated allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim 26 was indicated allowable by the Examiner in the Office Action dated January 6, 2005 if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 26 rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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